(12) An Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee has been constituted for preparing an official formulary on Ayurvedic drugs.

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Ayurvedic Medical System

3274. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL : will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage Ayurvedic medical systems; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WALFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Government of India is committed to encourage Ayurvedic and other Indian Systems of Medicine as a part of total health care delivery programme. Steps initiated in this regard are : improvement in quality of education; promotion of research; development of medicinal plans; laying of pharmacopoeial standards; and provision of drug testing facilities, etc.

Basic Needs of Family Welfare Facilities in Himachal Pradesh

3275. SHRI D. D. KHANORIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased be to state :

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres, Health and Family Welfare Training Centres, Community Health Centres and Sub-centres including Village Heath Guides serving in the Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether those are sufficient to cater to the needs; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI. D. K. THARADEVI SIDHARATHI) : (a) As per information available, 201 Primary Health Centres, one Health and Family Welfare Training Centre, 35 Community Health Centres and 1502 Sub-centres were functioning in Himachal Pradesh on 31-3-1990. There were 3667 Village Health Guides (VHGs) working in the State as on 31-12-90.

(b) The norms of CHC have been achieved. In Sub-centres and PHC, however, they are close to achieving the targets. A comparative statement of norms and achievement is given in the attached statement.

(c) (i) The targets fixed by Planning Commission in 91-92 under the Minimum Needs Programme is :

PHC—5

CHC—3

(ii) No new Sub-Centres/VHG under Central funding are proposed anywhere in the country. This is due to financial constraints.